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UM PRESIDENT SIGNS EXCHANGE AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF BELIZE

MISSOULA --

University of Montana President George Dennison recently returned from a brief visit to the Caribbean nation of Belize, where he and University College of Belize President Angel Cal signed a faculty and staff exchange agreement.

The schools' partnership is funded by a five-year, \$500,000 grant from the United States Agency for International Development under the University Development Linkages Project.

The agreement emphasizes the study of natural-resource management and environmental science and is aimed at strengthening academic, governmental and non-governmental institutions in Belize. It also provides chances for UM students and faculty members to study international development in the Caribbean and conduct joint research projects with their Belizean colleagues.

UM and UCB faculty, staff and students will travel between Belize and Missoula for teaching and research exchanges ranging from a few weeks to a semester.

This quarter, UM forestry Professor Steve McCool is teaching two short courses at UCB: "Limits of Acceptable Change" and "Conducting Tourism Research." Carol Gable, accounting supervisor in UM's Controller's Office, is helping with UCB's financial reporting

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and accounting. Meanwhile, UCB Accounts Clerk Karen Card is working in UM's Human Resource Services office.

Also as part of the USAID grant, UM will work with the Lewis and Clark National Forest, where Belizeans will now be able to receive training in forest management.

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